

This record is a partial extract of the original cable. The full text of the original cable is not available.

UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 02 KUWAIT 001219

SIPDIS

STATE FOR INR/R/MR, NEA/ARP, NEA/PPD, PA, INR/NESA
STATE FOR IIP/G/NEA-SA, INR/B
WHITE HOUSE FOR PRESS OFFICE
LONDON FOR GOLDRICH, PARIS FOR O'FRIEL
USDOC FOR 4520/ANESA/ONE/FITZGERALD-WILKS
USDOC FOR ITA AND PTO/OLIA

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: [OIIP](#) [KU](#) [KDMR](#)

SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION KUWAIT APRIL 10-124: IRAQ

1. SUMMARY:. END SUMMARY.

2. "Escalation In Iraq, In Whose interest?"

Adel Al-Qassar wrote in independent Al-Watan (4/11): "The reason behind escalation in Iraq is the clash of wills between the people and the freedom, and what democracy is the United States promising with this violence and random shelling, to the extent that mosques have become targets for heavy artillery and cluster bombs. Mature democracy does through the sound of turrets and cluster bombs, nor over dead bodies. More than four hundred and fifty people are dead as a result of a six day assault on Fallujah.

How similar events in occupied Iraq are to events in occupied Palesti

3. "Cheap Arab Blood"

Former Islamist MP Abdel Muhsin Jamal wrote in independent Al-Qabas (American law allow the bombing of mosques? Would Bush dare bomb a synagogue in Israel? Then, how come he dares bomb mosques in Iraq? Do the principles of the American Founding Fathers allow for a country that owns the most powerful military in the world to be deployed against civilian cities? Would they allow for Marines to kill and terrorize Iraqi women, children and old people? If democracy promised by the Americans? All this is happening, while Saddam Hussein is put on trial."

4. "Iraq, From One Dictatorship Into Another"

Dr. Sami Naser Khalifa wrote in independent Al-Rai Al-A'am (4/10): "It has been proven that there is no difference between the practices of the former regime and the conduct of the present occupying forces. American run prisons in Iraq, innocent civilians are buried in mass graves, clerics and cadavers and Iraqi resources are plundered in broad daylight. America is weaving a web of horror, culminating in the bombing and shelling of innocent cities. Washington's Plan, by detaining Shia clerics, is to ignite a civil war, the purpose of weakening the role of religious clerics. By imposing military power, Iraq, eventually will be plunged under a veil of a new dictatorship."

5. "A Comparison"

Mohammed Musaad Al-Saleh wrote in independent Al-qabas (4/10): "After the fall of the former Iraqi regime, and that was welcomed by a majority, however, the American military leadership committed a few mistakes upon Baghdad; the American military and their allies, should have stayed away from the city observing from afar without having to clash with Iraqi militia. The American military also made the mistake of disbanding the army, and of not collecting weapons. Today we see the consequences of these mistakes. Americans in particular do not know how to deal with Iraqi policy toward Iraq is a shambles."

6. "Iraq One Year after"

Dr. Shamlan Al-Issa wrote in independent Al-Seyassah (4/10): "Despite the presence of coalition forces in Iraq, security and stability have not been established. A wave of violence and terrorism has been steadily gaining momentum since the overthrow of the former regime. As long as weapons and Mujahideens are infiltrating from neighboring countries, and as long as the Governing Council and various political entities in Iraq are at loggerheads managing Iraq's affairs, then violence and terrorism will continue. It is not in the presence of foreign troops, but in the fact that every nationalist or political group believes they have the right to govern without taking into account the primary interest of the Iraqi people."

7. "Terrorism Made in Israel"

Khaled Al-Enezi wrote in independent Al-Seyassah (4/10): "Israel is the beneficiary of 9/11 events. It was Israel who planned, deceived and misled the Arabs who are the culprits. Not only is Israel committing genocide against the Palestinians; it is also committing genocide against the Arab people. Israel is involved in state-sponsored terrorism. Zionist Jewish terrorism acts in the world, the latest of which were the Madrid bombings."

8. "Iraq on A Hot Tin"

Salah Al-Fadhli wrote in independent Al-Rai Al-A'am (4/11): "One year after the occupation of Iraq, the picture is black for the Americans. The American Administration miscalculated and is currently embroiled in a serious crisis. Senator Ted Kennedy was right to describe Iraq as George Bush's Vietnam. America is not ready to pay a heavy price for its presence in Iraq, nor to retreat, as that would be considered a loud victory for what it calls terrorism and religious radicalism. It also seems that the coalition has lost the support of its senses, and are using tanks, heavy artillery and aircraft against anyone opposing their presence. These actions serve to cut the last bridges of hope with the Iraqi people, who, have begun to compar

with the way Saddam used to deal with them."

¶9. "America Plans for Iraq Fail"

Islamist Dr. Waleed Al-Tabtabai wrote in independent Al-Watan (4/11): beyond doubt, one year after the fall of the former Iraqi regime, Iraq had nothing to do with the former regime's possession of WMD, nor had with the events of 9/11. The occupation is linked to America's plan its hegemony all over the world starting with the Middle East, through Israel, of course, will be America's main partner in using Iraq as a therefore, any resistance in Iraq must be crushed. Despite this, America is beginning to fail. The American Giant has gone mad and foolishly attacking all segments of Iraqi society, even those who welcomed the intervention."

¶10. "The Model"

Rashed Al-Raddan wrote in independent Al-Watan (4/11): "One month after liberation of Iraq, America's president announced that Iraq would be democracy and freedom. Recently, I recalled Bush's statements while regrettable events taking place in Iraq. The situation in Iraq is extremely difficult, and the Governing Council, will eventually have no choice itself. We were hoping that the American Administration would have a understanding of the nature of the Iraqi people and deal with its various tribal and sectarian groups accordingly. Presently, Americans are in a difficult moment, because it did not win the Iraqi people's affection, nor did the model desired by George W. Bush."

¶12. "The Third Sister"

Saleh al-Shayji wrote in independent Al-Anba (4/11): "'Fallujah is America's grave," shouted a crazy mob while dragging mutilated bodies recently. that these peoples' knowledge of America is limited, or Saddam may have them by saying America was "Micky Mouse." However, Saddam never informed America's revenge. Haven't they heard of Pearl Harbor, and how American death of two hundred soldiers? Haven't they heard of Hiroshima and Nagasaki? Japan's cities that paid a heavy price? America's revenge is actual. small village, and too small to be termed as America's grave. The fall of Fallujah would become her own graveyard and a third sister for Hiroshima and Nagasaki."

Urbanic